

Arkport Public Library Meeting  
September 12, 2024

Meeting called to order by Vice President Joanne Bisson at 6:04 p.m.

Pledge to the flag recited by all.

Members present: Joanne Bisson, Carol Burns, Marge Wagner, Terry Pullman  
Lindsie Meese, new Library Executive director.

Patty Amidon absent.

Community members present: Emily Guthrie and Katie Karns

A motion by Terry and seconded by Marge, with corrections of Friday hours, the August 2024 minutes be approved.

Old Business: Xerox copier and printer are working.

Microsoft record keeping of visitors: 150 visitors in August, 54 were Star Guests. This information was kept on the calendar. Should this be kept on a counter.

44 books donated in August and one new card member. Lindsie said she has storage room for discarded books to hold for a future book sale. September is sign-up card month. Can this be advertised on facebook, etc. Cards are free, there is no charge for overdue books, only replacements. This is a benefit to the taxpayers who fund the Library.

Folding chairs given to the Library from the Methodist Church need to be moved to the new Historical Society home across the street. There will be a soft open house at the museum on October 1<sup>st</sup>.

The next grant will be \$22,000.00 which should be received in November. This grant will be for roof repair, deck and back entrance handicap accessible and a new sign Arkport Public Library in front.

Patty has applied for Appalachian grant of STLS ARC for office and program supplies. Projector and screen were two items applied for. It is a grant that the Library would be responsible for one half cost. The funds would not be available until 2025-2026.

STLS gave Patty an extension on other grants that we could apply for as we were without a director during the time the grant applications were due.

There is no Website preparation at this time.

Fiber Internet for STLS is filed.

Sam Warren did not go through with the trail program.

Thanks to Joanne and Patty for doing all the work Library work.

New Business:

Terry, Marge and Carol met September 9<sup>th</sup> and did some file cleaning out.

New Executive Director Lindsie Meese began work on September 10 at 16.50 per hour. There is a three month probationary period.

Lindsie's report: She has storage for books at her home for future annual book sales. This will give us the ability to accept books that community wants to give to the Library.

Terry offered again to have the sales. No encyclopedias. \$675.00 book sale revenue.

Terry made a motion and Marge seconded that the Library will pay for Lindsie to have a membership in ALA and NYLA. She is a student and the cost is \$50.00.

Screens for the windows needed. Two outside, if they don't fit, will get new ones.

Lindsie would like access for school for programs which the Library and School can work together.

Connie Karr is the contact. We can send material to be sent home with students.

Village Board meetings are the third Tuesday of the month.

Lindsie will work to up-date our policies. Statistical report is her responsibility.

No annual report to the community. Library has been able to put an article in the community newsletter that goes out quarterly with the water bills from the Village.

Circulation numbers that go into annual report.

Lindsie would like to have a Friends Group formed. Many benefits are available.

Need forms to apply for non-profit organization.

We need a new Letterhead. Lindsie will work on that.

Katie is a clerk and wants to keep coming to the meetings. They are open to the public.

Katie's husband mows the law free gratis.

Public comments:

COVID tests requested. NYS is offering 4 free ones. It's the responsibility of anyone who wants one to contact State.

NARCAN emergency kit available for use for any incident. Blood pressure kit available for public use.

Lindsie is a Notary and Library will pay for her renewal.

Lindsie's paperwork is available for STLS

It was agreed that Patty offered to do a CPR class, that we schedule a date when this can be done.

Treasurer's report: \$37,271.83. Motion by Carol and seconded by Marge to accept the report which is on file.

Motion by Terry and Seconded by Marge to adjourn at 7:04.